

## ***Permanent Fleet Registration (PFR)***

### **11.000 Permanent Fleet Registration (PFR) Program (VC §5301)**

Under the Permanent Fleet Registration (PFR) Program, fleet vehicles display a permanent registration sticker and registration for the entire fleet is renewed without separate renewal notices for each vehicle.

### **11.005 How the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001 (CVRA) Affects the PFR Program**

Under the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2001 (CVRA), the fees for commercial motor vehicles are based on the unladen weight, or the declared gross vehicle weight (GVW), or the combined gross vehicle weight (CGW). Owners of commercial motor vehicles with an unladen weight of 6,001 pounds or more are required to declare the maximum operating weight of their vehicles with a load.

Commercial motor vehicles in the PFR Program are subject to declared gross vehicle weight (GVW) and/or declared combined gross vehicle weight (CGW) requirements if the vehicle operates at 10,001 pounds or more. The CVRA changes the criteria to qualify for PFR as follows:

- Only motor vehicles (power units) are eligible for PFR registration if the fleet owner(s) or association meets the eligibility criteria. Units can be comprised of all types of motor vehicles **except** motorcycles.
- To be eligible, an association must be at least 250 units and each association member must have at least 25 units.
- A single owner who is not part of an association must register at least 50 units.
- The owner or association has five years from implementation of the Permanent Trailer Identification (PTI) Program (until January 1, 2007) to meet the motor vehicle requirements in order to continue enrollment in the PFR Program.

**NOTE:** Participants who were lawfully participating in the PFR Program on 12/31/2001 are not affected by the CVRA and may continue to count trailers to qualify as a fleet until January 1, 2007.

**11.010 Fleet Defined**

*Prior to January 1, 2002*—A “fleet” that was participating in the PFR Program on December 31, 2001 is 100 or more commercial motor vehicles, commercial trailers, passenger vehicles, and/or school buses (regular or privately-owned). A fleet of at least 50 vehicles may participate if the applications are submitted through an association qualifying 500 or more vehicles. Qualifying vehicles must display the company logo as described in VC §5302. Motorcycles **do not** qualify for the PFR program.

*On and After January 1, 2002*—Only motor vehicles (power units) are eligible for PFR registration if the owner(s) or association meets the eligibility criteria. Units can be comprised of all types of motor vehicles except motorcycles.

**11.015 Permanent Fleet Registration Offices**

**Only** PFR designated field offices and the IRP Unit in Sacramento Headquarters issue PFR registration cards and stickers. Field offices that **do not** maintain PFR sticker inventory will issue regular year stickers and receipts for interim operating indicia only. The PFR designated field offices are:

Folsom	Modesto	Pomona	San Pedro	Victorville
Fresno	Montebello	Rocklin	So. Sacramento	
Fullerton	Oakland-C Claremont	San Diego	Stockton	
Glendale	Pleasanton	San Francisco	Tracy	

**IMPORTANT:** Customers are encouraged to schedule an appointment in advance to ensure that staff is available to provide service.

**Original Applications**—A completed application must be submitted to:

Department of Motor Vehicles  
International Registration Plan (IRP) Unit MS H160  
PO Box 932320  
Sacramento, CA 94232-3200

**PFR Renewals**—Must be processed by the IRP Unit in Sacramento Headquarters.

**11.020 Adding Vehicles to a Fleet (VC §5301)**

The following must be submitted to add vehicles to a fleet:

- A Permanent Fleet Addition (REG 495) completed in full by the applicant.
- The current registration card and/or ownership documents, as appropriate. (May be original, nonresident, or transfer documentation.)
- The fees due plus the PFR service fee for each vehicle. Renewal fees are also due if the application is presented within 120 days of the renewal date.
- A smog certification may be due for renewal.

**11.025 Deleting Vehicles from a Fleet (VC §5301)**

Vehicles deleted from the fleet must be issued a new registration card without the PFR information. The requirements to delete vehicles are:

- A Permanent Fleet Deletion (REG 495) completed in full by the applicant.
- Surrender of the PFR registration card(s) and PFR sticker(s) **unless** disposition of the PFR sticker(s) is shown on the REG 495.
- An application for regular registration for the deleted vehicle(s), if appropriate.

<b>NOTE:</b> The same documents are required for vehicles deleted and junked.
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**11.030 Substitute Plates/Stickers for Permanent Fleet Vehicles (VC §§4457 and 4458)**

An Application for Plates, Stickers, Documents (REG 156) must be submitted to the department for issuance of substitute plates and/or a substitute sticker to a vehicle registered under the Permanent Fleet Registration (PFR) program. (The PFR registration card **is not** picked up by DMV when a substitute sticker is issued.)

Offices with PFR sticker inventory will issue plates and a PFR year sticker if current registration can be verified. Offices without PFR sticker inventory will issue plates and a (regular) year sticker **and** the PFR sticker will be issued from the IRP Unit in Sacramento Headquarters.

**Cross-Reference:** Section 26.045

